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The rule followed in the South in the last few years is still good. Farmers and bankers are urged again to compare the purchasing power of their cotton with the retail values of food and feed. Such a comparison will at once convince the ordinary man of the necessity of producing food and feed in the South to supply all our people and the increasing livestock.

Without going elaborately into the figures it is only necessary to say that what was a safe, economic, and advisable system of farming before the war was safe, economic, and advisable during the war, and will be safe, advisable, and in the long run, most profitable after the war, and that is the system already described.

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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

ALABAMA

The group meetings of Alabama are still in progress as follows:

Talledega, March 17th and 18th, Monday and Tuesday.
Athens, " 20th and 21st, Thursday and Friday

The Three days Housekeepers' Schools will be held at Brewton, Bay Minette and Mobile on March 25th to 28th, inclusive. Miss Wessling of this Office will attend these meetings on her return trip from Texas.

The 23rd Annual meeting of the Alabama Livestock Association will be held at Selma, March 26th and 27th.

A swine sale will be held on West Dallas farm in Orrville, March 28th.

District County agent T. M. Campbell, calls attention to the real service the colored and white agents can be to each other in their work.

ARKANSAS

The Home Demonstration agents will meet in Fayetteville on May 8, 9 and 10, choosing the time that the members of our supervising force will be there. The agents will be in three groups, each group remaining a week during the month.

A desire has been expressed for Mr. Franta P. Lund to be present the latter part of one week and the first of the next week and demonstrate in Meat Canning.

We thank Mr. Lassetter, Director of Extension, for kindly mailing us a copy of the new Arkansas Extension publication, entitled "The Extension Operator."

Mr. John D. Eldredge, of Gregory, was elected president of the Southern Cattle-men's Association, and Montgomery was chosen for the place of meeting for next year.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Mr. J. A. Evans, Assistant Chief of Extension Work, South, has just returned from Camp Dix, N. J. where he delivered a course of lectures on Agricultural needs to the soldiers.

Mr. Rommel, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, visited Europe to investigate livestock conditions. He reports that conditions in England are normal and that France, Italy and Belgium need in the livestock line more horses and hogs than cows.

Mr. C. H. Alvord has decided not to visit France to give instruction on cotton growing to the soldiers.

The Department of Agriculture desires to secure men with milling and grain experience to assist in the grain dust explosion and fire prevention campaign in the mills and elevators of the country.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce will hold its Seventh Annual Convention in St. Louis, Mo., either the week of April 14th or 28th.

Director General of the Railroads, Hines, stated that the Railroad Administration was considering the reduction of freight rates on road building materials.

Nitrate of Soda has been distributed by demonstration agents at \$81.00 per ton plus freight.

FLORIDA

The County Agents' District group meetings will be held as follows:

Western part of state,

Pensacola,	Escambia County,	March 24,	Monday
Tallahassee,	Leon "	March 26,	Wednesday

North Central Group,

St. Augustine,	St. Johns "	March 27,	Thursday
Raiford,	Bradford "	March 28,	Friday
Gainesville,	Alachua "	March 29,	Saturday

Southern District,

Fort Myers,	Lee "	April 1, 2	Tuesday and
Bartow	Polk "	" " "	Wednesday

Mr. Savely and Mr. Chambers have been requested by the County agents to attend these meetings.

The Thirty-second Annual meeting of the Florida Horticultural Society will be held at Orlando May 6 to 9th inclusive.

In the interest of the Florida club work, Mr. G. L. Herrington, Boys' Club Agent, of Gainesville, has requested leave to make a trip on March 22nd to 30th to attend the Swine Sales on Pine Crest Farms at Charleston, Miss., on March 25th; Enochs' Farm at Fernwood, Miss. on March 26th and return by way of Orrville, Alabama, to attend the sale on West Dallas Farm on March 28th.

Mr. Reuben Brigham and Mr. C. H. Hanson with Mr. Frants P. Lund will meet Miss Harris and go through portions of Florida, taking pictures of the girls and women actually engaged in demonstration work. The garden work will be quite an interesting feature of these pictures.

Director P. H. Rolfs states the drive for better agriculture in Florida was "an unqualified success". More than 9000 people reached, and 162 meetings held.

Committees are trying to organize the farmers into agricultural clubs. The farmers of Brevard, St. Johns, Citrus, Columbia, Bradford and Leon Counties were most active in the food production campaign. Cotton growing shows signs of decreasing in favor of food crops and livestock.

GEORGIA

Georgia announces the formation of a Union for gathering and interpreting agricultural statistics, entitled "The Cooperative Crop Reporting Service for Georgia". Georgia ranks fourth in agriculture in the Union.

A meeting will be called in Cairo, Grady County, to consider a Board of Trade for that county. Many are in favor of the organization.

INDIANA

The Indiana Dairymen will meet on March 20th, at Indianapolis, at the Claypole Hotel and the day after this meeting there will be a "Livestock Rally" of all stock breeders in the state.

KENTUCKY

The group meetings of the County and Home Demonstration agents are still being held in Kentucky, as follows:

Paducah,	March 18th to 21st.
Louisville,	March 25th to 28th.

LOUISIANA

The Home Demonstration District meetings will be held in Louisiana beginning on April 28th. The first meeting will be held at Lafayette from April 28th to May 3rd, and the second at Shreveport from May 5th to 10th.

The second term of the Annual Short Course began December 30th and will continue until March 22nd. The third term will begin March 24th and end June 14th.

The Extension Division of the Louisiana State University has employed Mr. J. A. Simms of Alabama as specialist in beef cattle production.

The first real cooperative bull association in Louisiana elected as officers for this organization for next year Mr. H. E. Sanders, president; Mr. R. L. Schwartz, vice-president and Mrs. M. K. Ellis, secretary and treasurer.

A western office of the Soil Improvement committee has established an office at Shreveport for the territory of Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of Mississippi.

At the Montelone Hotel, New Orleans, there will be held on April 4th a public hearing on revising the definitions and standards for molasses and syrups.

At the organization of the Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' Association at New Orleans, Mr. G. W. Gaienne was appointed president and G. P. Williams, of Baton Rouge, secretary.

MARYLAND

There are 526 farmers' organizations in the state, 193 women's organizations, 93 clubs and 100 community associations.

The March issue of the Maryland Journal states the yield of corn for the highest contestant first prize field was 85.9 bushels per acre and 85.4 bushels for second prize.

MISSISSIPPI

A swine sale will be held on Pine Crest farm at Charleston, on March 25th and also on Enochs' Farm at Fernwood, on March 26th.

The Mississippi Hereford Breeders' Association will be held at Jackson April 17.

NORTH CAROLINA

A new Cheese Factory has been established at Hemphill, Buncombe County.

Dr. Camp states the progress of the Credit Unions in North Carolina should be an inspiration to all those interested in a reasonable price for credit.

The North Carolina Division of Markets of West Raleigh, will soon publish a special number of the "Farmers' Market Bulletin" which will deal with seed and live-stock. Dr. W. R. Camp will supply you with them.

The North Carolina yearbook was highly complimented by Judge W. P. Bynum. Valuable information is contained in this 1918 copy.

The Agricultural Extension Service has lost a valuable worker in the resignation of Mr. J. E. Moses who for two years has been in charge of the pig club and swine extension work of the Animal Industry Division. He will return to Alabama to take up demonstration work in Pike County.

OKLAHOMA

Wonderful tick eradication has been accomplished in the past two years in Oklahoma. In 1917 there were 70,754 square miles released and in 1918 79,217. More wonderful when we remember the country was at war during these years.

In 1918 the 15 Southern States, including all the tick infested states, produced 141,787,000 bushels more corn than they harvested in 1919. The 11 states comprising the Cotton Belt produced 135 per cent more wheat in 1918 than in 1900.

Recently a dozen students who are specializing in animal husbandry at the Oklahoma Agricultural College visited some Oklahoma farms and studied their management. The students were most favorably impressed, especially with the quality of the stock being developed in this state.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rockhill plans holding a state Home Demonstration Short Course at Winthrop College from June 6th to 13th. 450 women and girls will be present on account of their work in the Home Demonstration Clubs. Miss Ola Powell is requested to be present especially for the days devoted to canning, brining, etc.

County agent Faris came to Greenwood County about five years ago and called a meeting of the farmers for the establishment of orchards. So alive was his vision that at once fifty demonstration orchards were established with practical pruning and spraying methods in operations. The success of his orchard enterprise has steadily increased in number and profit.

TENNESSEE

The Agricultural Representatives of the Railroads will have a meeting at Memphis on April 2, 3 and 4th.

No definite date has been given for the Home Demonstration and County Agent meetings in Tennessee.

TEXAS

District meetings for Home Demonstration agents are still being held in Texas; Waco on March 17 to 20; Canyon City 19 to 22. Miss Hannah Wessling will be present at these district meetings.

The Dairy Division of Houston has made wonderful development in the last few years. There are 429 dairies in the vicinity of Houston.

The next annual meeting of the Cattlemen's Association will be held at Dallas up to March 20th.

The Texas Breeders' And Fanciers' Association will hold the Bronze Medal show at Dallas April 18th to 20th.

The Dept. Agricultural Engineering will hold its last courses at A. & M. College April 28th, 29th, June 2nd, 24th, Sept 17th, 18th.

VIRGINIA

The District Home Demonstration meetings will be as follows:

Farmville,	May 8 th and 9 th .
Fredericksburg,	" 5th and 6th.
Richmond,	" 3rd. <i>Postponed</i>

The Southwest Virginia Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Abingdon on April 3rd.

WEST VIRGINIA

The State Prize Winners Course will be held at Morgantown from June 9th to 13th. Mr. I. W. Hill will be present.

